



Media Advisory
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MAYOR DELLUMS HOSTS OAKLAND'S FIRST PEACE CONFERENCE

*Unites a Stellar Faith Community to Share Successful Solutions for Youth
Violence Prevention*

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today hosted Oakland's first Peace Conference at the Claremont Hotel. He united the interfaith community in a comprehensive approach to address solutions to youth violence.

The conference will help bolster Oakland's efforts for peace through social outreach programs, networking and collaboration between interfaith communities. Participants explored successful solutions for building positive relationships with our youth and offering alternatives to a life of crime.

“As we honor local religious leaders who have made a significant contribution to our community, we are asking them to bring their collective wisdom, their innovation, and their current best practices to the table, in order to build a lasting foundation for creating a brighter future for the youth of Oakland and bringing peace to our streets,” said Mayor Dellums.

Utilizing the interfaith community as a part of the city's strategy for addressing crime and violence is part of Mayor Dellums' comprehensive public safety approach, or P.I.E.S. (Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement and Sustainability). The clergy and their congregations have the ability to help prevent crime, foster personal responsibility in our youth and encourage Oakland youth to make the right choices.

Oakland Police Chief Anthony Batts spoke at the conference to highlight the Police Department's OK (Our Kids) program that helps address the needs of at-risk youth.

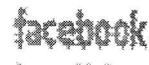
Many of the Measure Y programs, services provided by community organizations, and programs provided by the Oakland Police Department were on display in the Market Place during the conference. To date, these programs have helped decrease the overall crime statistics by 10 percent – a commitment made by the mayor in his State of the City speech last year.

Mayor Dellums also recognized members of the interfaith clergy who were nominated for their work in the community, displaying exemplary service to Oakland's youth. Following a list of morning speakers, the conference broke for workshop sessions which include: Personal Safety

for Faith-Based Organizations, Juvenile Probation, Youth Outreach and Green Jobs. An agenda is attached to this email.

For more information on Mayor Ron Dellums and the City of Oakland, please visit and bookmark the following Web accounts:

 : <http://www.youtube.com/ronalddellums>

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